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SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION STS-126

PARIS FOR SCICOUNS/NASA REP BARRY

¶1. SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION STS-126, ENDEAVOR (OV-105), WILL LAUNCH FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA, NO EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 14, 2008. THE LAUNCH WINDOW OPENS AT 7:51 PM (1951 EST), NOVEMBER 14 (24:51 UTC/GMT) AND IS 10 MINUTES LONG. NOMINAL END OF MISSION LANDING AT KSC IS SCHEDULED FOR NO EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 29, 2008 AT 2:02 PM EST (19:02 UTC/GMT).

¶2. ZARAGOZA AIR BASE, SPAIN IS THE PRIMARY TRANSOCEANIC ABORT LANDING SITE (TAL). MORON AIR BASE, SPAIN, AND ISTRES AIR BASE, FRANCE, ARE THE TWO ALTERNATE SITES.

¶3. OES/SAT WILL STAFF THE JOINT STATE-NASA SHUTTLE MONITORING GROUP IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS CENTER FOR THE LIFT-OFF PERIOD. THE OPERATIONS CENTER WILL ESTABLISH A CONFERENCE CALL TELEPHONE LINK BETWEEN THE MONITORING GROUP AND SHUTTLE CONTROL OFFICERS AT EMBASSY MADRID AND EMBASSY PARIS, AT APPROX. ONE HALF HOUR PRIOR TO LIFT-OFF. SHUTTLE MONITORING GROUP CONTROL OFFICERS ARE OES/SAT, FERNANDO ECHAVARRIA AND DORIETHA JACKSON, AND SHARI KAMM AND NEAL NEWMAN, NASA.

¶4. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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